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TAGS: PO, PINT, SOPN
SUBJECT: A SCANDAL: PS SECRETARIAT MEMBER AND CONTRABAND
CHARGES

REF: 77 LISBON A-98 (NOTAL)

1. PS NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEMBER EDMUNDO PEDRO, WHO AS
STATE TELEVISION (RTP) PRESIDENT IS A MAJOR PUBLIC FIGURE,
REPORTEDLY WAS ARRESTED JAN 11 ON CHARGES OF CONTRABAND
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ARMS. RUMOR
HAS IT THAT PEDRO'S FAMILY LONG HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES (REFAIR). PEDRO HIMSELF IS ASSOCIATED
WITH APPLIANCE STORES WHICH ARE IN HIS OR RELATIVES' NAMES.

2. PRIME MINISTER SOARES'S POLITICAL ADVISOR MANUEL ALEGRE,
A LONGTIME FRIEND OF PEDRO, ASSERTED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR
JAN 12 THAT CHARGES WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. ALEGRE SAID
FINANCE MINISTRY WAS ISSUING STATEMENT ABSOLVING PEDRO OF
INVOLVEMENT IN CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES; SOCIALIST PARTY WILL
ALSO ISSUE STATEMENT DEFENDING PEDRO. ALEGRE, HOWEVER,
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ILLEGAL ARMS HAD BEEN FOUND IN PEDRO'S
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POSSESSION. ACCORDING TO ALEGRE, ARMS CACHE DATED FROM
DIFFICULT POSTREVOLUTIONARY DAYS AND WAS FOR "DEFENSE OF
DEMOCRACY."

3. COMMENT: ALEGRE'S DISCLAIMERS NOTWITHSTANDING, ARREST
IS ALREADY SOURCE OF MAJOR EMBARRASSMENT TO SOCIALISTS.
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